

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2013

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting February 13, 2013, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

Mrs. Kocher asked about the bill for Internet Cake and the amount of time that is for.

Ms. Hrebenak checked with Mr. Pandos that this bill was for January and February 2013.

Mr. Pandos stated that the bill was for two months.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list and the addendum, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Pandos stated that the proposal was sent back to Honeywell and the person that wrote the proposal is no longer at Honeywell and they sent a new proposal and there were changes

Mayor Tomaszewski asked when the banking will be switched over.

Mr. Pandos stated that the checks should be in next week and then the banking will be switched over.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak explained that Adams Fire Protection would like to come back to the township for the annual fire

inspection and that due to the issues that happened last year they have offered to do the inspection for free this year.

Mr. Watters asked that Mr. Sliker go around with the inspector and that we have on record who the inspector was.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that HMUA work is being done in Diamond Hill and that he has had discussions with the contractor about the road conditions with the dirt and also the signage for the road closure.

Mr. DiSessa stated that himself and Mr. Vex met with Route 57 auto and discussed the issues and went over the instructions from the judge.

Mr. Watters asked about the work with the generator.

Mr. DiSessa stated that the electrical work was done this weekend and that they are waiting for a final inspection.

Mr. Smith asked what the size of the fuel tank is and if it in fact would only last for 48 hour period.

Mr. DiSessa stated that yes at full load it would only last 48 hours.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Carol Thompson, Route 57, thanked the committee for trying to correct the issues at Route 57. Mrs. Thompson stated that the State is already taking care of the issues regarding the New Jersey junk yard control act. Mrs. Thompson stated that tomorrow is day 45 what happens on day 46.

Mr. DiSessa stated that an inspection would happen and any issues that have not been abated will be addressed.

Mrs. Thompson stated that the township is also in danger of losing the Scenic Byway designation because of this junk yard.

Mrs. Thompson asked again if the inspection will be done on Friday.

Mr. DiSessa stated that the inspection would be taking place on Friday.

Mr. Vex was given a letter by Mrs. Thompson from the State that went to the owners in reference to the Junk Yard Act.

Nick Toscano and Bill Toscano, Route 57 Auto Sales, Nick Toscano stated that he would like to discuss and address the issues of the neighbors and within reason all of the issues will be addressed.

Mr. Vex stated that the letter that was discussed when the inspection was done will be sent out by Friday.

Mr. Toscano stated that he is willing to do whatever he can within reason and is willing to come to every meeting to get this issue resolved.

Mr. Vex stated that the letter will be issued and we will work on the issues from this point going forward.

Mrs. Thompson stated that at the trial they were told that ignorance of the law was no excuse and they have not gotten a large amount of the problem addressed.

Marvin Kocher Jr., Chief of Butler Park and Paul Felice, Assistant Chief of Butler Park Fire Company, asked if there would be a discussion about the upcoming contracts. Mr. Kocher read the minutes from that meeting and stated that there was no meeting for discussion and the contracts were sent out.

Mr. Watters stated that we cannot work without a contract.

Mr. Kocher stated that there should have been a meeting to discuss the contracts.

Mr. Watters stated that the Fire Companies should all meet and discuss what they are looking for.

Mr. Felice stated that he was here a year ago asking to discuss the contracts and that it did not happen.

Mr. Kocher stated that with the 2012 Contract they had requested to discuss what would be in the contract and there was no time given for that.

Mr. Watters stated that the four fire companies need to meet and discuss and then come to him as the liaison to the Committee with their changes.

Mr. Felice read the clause that was included in the new contract in reference to the inspection of the trucks.

Mr. Watters stated that if they set up a meeting he will gladly come to the meeting.

Mr. Kocher, Jr. had a big issue with Article 8 fuel and there was money allotted for fuel why is the township asking the fire companies to take tax payer money and pay regular price to the gas station.

Mr. Felice asked what happens if one of the Chiefs does not show up for the meeting.

Mr. Watters stated that we would then know that they agree with what was proposed.

Marvin Kocher, Past Chief Butler Park, asked if there were any changes that were made to the contracts because Butler Park no longer has bingo and there is another company that does have Bingo now.

Mr. Clancy stated that the other company uses that money from Bingo to pay the mortgage and that the townships money is not used for this.

Marvin Kocher, stated that the dollar amounts have gone down for certain companies.

Mr. Joseph Farino, Blau Road, asked what good is having the Scenic Byway thru our town. Mr. Farino asked if this is a pro or a con.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2013-40

WHEREAS, The Township of Mansfield Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Mansfield Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Mansfield Township Municipal alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$ 7,402.00.
2. The Township of Mansfield Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-40, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 2013 –41

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GRANT FUND RECEIVABLES AND RESERVES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists receivables on the balance sheet of the Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, there exists reserves on the balance sheet of the Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds creating these reserves have been investigated and it has been determined that these reserves are no longer needed and should be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the following receivable and reserve be and the same are hereby canceled.

Receivable:

Safe and Secure	\$ 17,997.00
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Reserve:

Safe and Secure	\$ 17,997.00
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Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-41, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION
OF MAY 20-JUNE 2, 2013
2013-42

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death and serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket safety belt mobilization from May 20 to June 2, 2013 in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the safety belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 88.29% to 100%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby declares its support for the Click It or Ticket safety belt mobilization program both locally and nationally from May 20 to June 2, 2012, pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use and accepts a grant for the same in the amount of \$4000.00 to be used for 80 hours of overtime enforcement (at \$50/hour) during the two week mobilization period.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-42, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2013 –43
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

The annual salary for the following employee is as follows:

Recreation Secretary	Joan Kries	\$ 759.00 / Annual Salary Commencing 2/27/13
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Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-43, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE:
Second Reading:

ORDINANCE # 2013-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

The annual compensation of the following employee of the Township of Mansfield is as follows:

Emergency Management Director \$ 2,000.00 / Annual - \$ 3,000.00 / Annual

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2013-02 and requested that the results be advertised, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION Investigation, Employment issues and personnel matters some action may be taken afterwards.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:46pm, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Return to regular session 9:43pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher

Motion to adjourn - Approved by unanimous approval at 9:43 pm.